

FCAB UPDATE

Week of August 28, 2000 (Last update was dated July 31, 2000)

MEETING SCHEDULE

DOE MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2000, 6:30 p.m.

FCAB STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 14, 2000, 6:30 p.m.

FCAB RETREAT

Saturday, September 16, 2000, 8:30 a.m.

3RD FUTURE OF FERNALD WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 26, 2000, 6:30 p.m.

Services Building Conference Room

Large Laboratory Conference Room

The Plantation

9660 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, OH 45030

Crosby Senior Center Hall

ATTACHMENTS

- 3rd Future of Fernald Workshop Announcement
- Summary of the 2nd Future of Fernald Workshop
- Draft FCAB Retreat Agenda
- Final SSAB Chairs Common Values
- Memo on Stewardship Workshop
- News Clippings

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

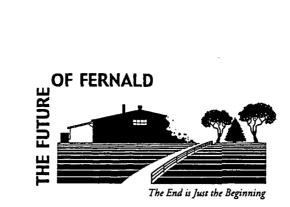
 Please note all the important meetings above in September, and on the Calendar that was sent in your July 31, 2000 package. Hope to see you at those meetings. Have a Great Labor Day!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Announcing the 3rd Future of Fernald Workshop

Tuesday, September 26, 2000 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Crosby Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road

Since the U.S. Government bought 1050 acres of farmland off Willey Road in Fernald, Ohio in 1951, this property has been a symbol of the Cold War effort. For nearly 40 years, the site produced uranium metals for nuclear weapons, in the process contaminating the soil and water throughout the property. For the last decade, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has been working to remediate this contamination and is fast approaching the point where the property can be used by the Fernald community for some public good.

On September 26, 2000, the third in a series of Future of Fernald Workshops is being sponsored by four citizens groups working to bring about the safe remediation of Fernald and a positive future for area residents and the public.

The Future of Fernald Workshops have been designed to provide citizens a direct voice in determining the public activities that will be developed on the Fernald site following remediation. The first workshop was held in April of 1999 to introduce future public use issues to the Fernald community. The second workshop was held in May of 2000 to provide a variety of dialogues to identify those potential future activities at Fernald that are most appealing to the Fernald community. Now we are heading into our 3rd Future of Fernald Workshop.

On May 24, 2000 the 2nd Future of Fernald Workshop conducted dialogs in five different topics: Environmental Education, Cold War and Fernald History, Native American Burials, Recreation, and Community Development. All participants were

able to participate in two topic discussions to express their ideas or opinions on the things they most want to see as possible community assets at the Fernald site and the things they definitely do not want to see at the Fernald site. Discussions were also held on how to generate long-term support and who should be involved in future site activities. After the workshop, the Stewardship committee of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board evaluated and integrated all the information to create a draft vision statement for the future of Fernald.

Please review this draft statement and join us at the 3rd Future of Fernald Workshop. At this final workshop, we will review and refine this statement and evaluate alternative ways in which we might bring this vision about. If you are unable to attend the meeting on September 26, we still want to hear your comments on the vision statement. Please call, fax, or email your comments to any the contacts below:

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Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

Fernald Community Reuse Organization

Fernald Living History, Inc.

Fernald Residents for Environmental Safety and Health

A STAKEHOLDER VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF FERNALD, FIRST DRAFT

Fernald Stakeholders envision a Future for the Fernald property that creates a regional destination for educating this and future generations about the rich and varied history of Fernald. We envision a community resource that serves the ongoing information needs of area residents, education needs of local academic institutions, and a final resting place for Native American remains. We envision a safe, secure, and accessible site, integrated with the surrounding community, that effectively controls all residual contamination and fully maintains all aspects of the ecological restoration.

ACHIEVING THE VISION

We believe that this vision can only be achieved through cooperation among all stakeholders and by recognizing the need to incorporate planning and implementation of future uses with on-site remediation. To achieve this vision, we would like to see the following elements implemented on the Fernald Site:

- Adequate property to provide reinterment of Native American remains in a setting that recognizes the spiritual nature of this activity.
- Controlled access to the ecologically restored areas of the site through a series of marked and annotated trails that can be used for hands-on learning and discovery of indigenous plants and animals.
- Development of an on-property educational center that provides for the following:
 - A complete history of the Fernald area beginning with the first Native American residents continuing
 through the cold war years when the Fernald site produced feed materials for America's nuclear weapons arsenal, and culminating with the current efforts of site remediation and ecological restoration.
 - Museum-quality displays and related educational programming on the role of Fernald in the cold war
 and the many impacts of the production of feed materials for nuclear weapons on the lives of area
 residents and Fernald site workers, as well as the broader social and cultural impacts on the
 surrounding community.
 - Museum-quality displays and related educational programming on the history of Native Americans in the Fernald region.
 - Permanent housing of the public reading room containing copies of the public record of Fernald production and remediation activities and Fernald Living History materials.
 - Classrooms and auditorium space.
 - Environmental research and groundwater education facilities.
 - Access to real-time environmental monitoring results.
 - Detailed descriptions and displays on the Fernald environmental remediation process and results.

OF FERNALD WORKSHOP RESULTS

OF FERNALD nation listed below is was gathered from individuals who attended the five different breakout groups at the May 24, 2000 2nd Future of Fernald Workshop at the Crosby Senior Center. This information is unedited and will be organized as part of a formal report at the conclusion of the Future of Fernald process.

Environmental Education

What would you most like to see as possible community assets at the site?

- Education center
- Restoration
- Remediation
- Observation points with interpretive signs (lots)
- Hands on displays that are easily accessible
- Ecological research station for Universities
- School field trips for entire region
- Historic/Cultural center
- Children/Volunteers to help maintain natural resources
- Tree planting for educational uses
- Hardwood forest/Native plants
- Interactive with local schools
- Stream restoration for Paddys Run
- Need staff on site for regional center that connects to history of site
- Facilities for inside experiments
- Use children from schools for stream monitoring
- Grass to put down for erosion
- Site for restoration of endangered species
- Universities to advise research activity use of facility for research
- Wildlife feeding areas
- County panel systems
- Environmental educational of quality that will make it a regional destination
- Sustainable energy
- Displays of information regarding natural resources
- Facility and field activities
- Use for clean activities
- Museum including natural resources, living history, and cultural resources
- Relationship of Fernald to DOE Complex
- How Native Americans saw and used the environment
- Importance of ground water

What would you definitely not want to see at the site?

- Avoid fragmentation of ecological areas
- No activities that may damage ecological restoration
- No night activities
- No livestock grazing
- No designs for site
- No picnic benches in outdoor areas
- Stay away from OSDF
- No hunting/fishing
- No horses
- No camping/picnicing

How would you like to see these assets managed within the community, where should long-term support come from, who should be involved?

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- County
- National Park Service
- U.S. Department of Interior

Native Americans Burials and Education

What would you most like to see as possible community assets at the site?

- Regional history of the Native Americans
- Remains respectfully held
- Like to see monuments of the Native Americans Area (small plots, trees, bird fields, and access trials)
- Educational sites with background information of site remains
- Be able to identify cultures, trails, etc.
- Be able to display as much information as we know
- Protect Burials
- Get input from tribes that have burials there
- Have land to be set aside for the Native American burials
- Have some type of security on site
- Create knowledge of where these remains are
- Allow tribes to conduct ceremonies
- Recognize existing prehistoric sites
- Recognize spiritual sites
- Communicate to public about the land on the site

What would you definitely not want to see at the site?

- No horses
- No motors
- No vaults
- No commercial facilities that may harm or disturb the site

How would you like to see these assets managed within the community, where should long-term support come from, who should be involved?

- National Park Service
- State of Ohio
- County
- Township
- Average Citizen
- Department Energy
- Communities
- State Historic Society

Cold War and Fernald History

What would you most like to see as possible community assets at the site?

- Museum/seminars
- · Remediation stories
- · Production era-models of artifacts
- America at war-cold war
- Timeline of history of area
- Monuments or memorials w/actual machines and buildings
- Interactive facilities
- Personal history-documents/photo's/videos
- · Maintenance and monitoring on site
- Fernald archives & nuclear network
- Cold War memorial
- Interactive problem solving
- Staffed facility
- Land lab-outdoor education
- Community control/input
- Museum advisory board
- Technology sharing
- Data storage using technology
- Look for other similar museums
- Involvement of many communities
- Look to congress for help
- University involvement
- Community needs-ownership
- Impact to community-health issues
- PEIC/reading room preservation
- Research center

- Home for Fernald living history materials
- · Stewardship program monitored
- Native American history
- Environment education
- History of public involvement
- · Restore community pride
- 23 acres expanded

What would you definitely not want to see at the site?

- No Politicization
- Controlled by non-community members
- Do not remove or destroy documentation
- · Do not destroy green space or disturb
- No absence of recognition

How would you like to see these assets managed within the community, where should long-term support come from, who should be involved?

- Museum Board
- Department of Interior (DOI)
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
- Flour Fernald Contractors
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Private Foundations
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

Recreation

What would you most like to see as possible community assets at the site?

- Link with Shaker Trace Trail (Hiking, Walking, etc.)
- Attraction for tourist dollars
- Hiking trails
- Pools
- Area to fly kites (grassy areas)
- Oversight with security
- Open limited times
- Preservation of serenity
- Bike trails that ties in with existing trails
- Horse trails
- · Picnic areas with shelters
- Facility for Fire/EMS to support recreational facilities
- Good access so the patrons are safe
- Native American area set aside to display historical information

Permitting process for entry (accountability check-in station)

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- None-comparative extents
- Ability to have a portion for handicapped accessibility (limited)
- Cross-country skiing
- Proper materials to cover the land
- Bird counts/Bird watching
- Tennis courts
- Soccer fields
- Regional libraries
- Museums
- · Turn strictly back to natural setting
- · Controlled hunting to manage resources

What are the things you would definitely not want to see at the site?

- No biking trails
- No hunting except for management only
- No paved trails with in the perimeter areas
- No rollerblading, bikes, etc.
- No children activities as well as adults activities with exposure
- No industrial development
- No open hunting
- No trails anywhere near On Site Disposal Facility
- No facilities of 24 hours
- No place to fly items
- No activities leading to surface erosion
- No motorized vehicles
- No golf courses
- No public access

How would you like to see these assets managed within the community, where should long-term support come from, who should be involved?

- How do we fit all of this on 23 acres?
- · Have we looked at parking facilities?
- Cost in making trails and accessible to all
- Security
- Access
- Medical Issues with contamination

Community Development

What would you most like to see as possible community assets at the site?

- Revenue generating from activities
- Community center (YMCA)

- Educational facilities (Libraries, Tech School, Vocational School, and Museum)
- Multi-purpose Facility (Public reading facility, Aesthetically compatible with surrounding area both inside and outside)
- · Communications in structure
- Fire/EMS stations
- Assure adequate access
- Native American museum (may be free standing)
- Site development plan would be integrated with area plans
- Financial services

What would you definitely not want to see at the site?

- No industrial facilities
- No golf courses
- No food services
- No commercial facilities

Saturday, September 16, 2000 The Plantation

8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Report on the SSAB Chair's Meeting

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Self-Evaluation

What have we done well? Where can we improve?

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Ex-Officio Reports: Desired FCAB Goals for the Next Year

DOE

Ohio EPA USEPA

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 - 11: 30 a.m. FCAB Goals for the Next Year

What are the kev issues for the site? What are the key issues for stakeholders? Where can the FCAB be most useful?

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Agree to Goals for the Year

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

FCAB Structure

What is the best structure for us to achieve our goals?

How do we best use committees? How often should the full board meet?

Set calendar for year

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

New Member Recruitment

Who should we be looking for?

How should we recruit?

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Leadership

How should we approach leadership transitions? How do we structure the Steering Committee?

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Wrap Up

Separate Letters to:

Secretary Richardson
Carolyn L. Huntoon
Operations, Field and Area Office Managers
Tim Fields, Assistant Secretary for OSWER, EPA
State and Representatives on STGWG
Representatives on NGA Task Force

Dear

The DOE Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) Statement of Common Values is being sent to you by the undersigned Chairs of the local SSABs. This Statement of Common Values describes the purpose of the SSABs. More importantly, it describes what the Boards expect when DOE and its regulatory agencies make decisions regarding cleanup and stewardship at each of the sites represented on the SSAB.

We consider these consensus values extremely important. They represent many hours of thoughtful deliberations. The Boards will refer to this Statement of Common Values for guidance in developing recommendations to DOE and the regulatory agencies.

Among the Common Values are the Boards' commitments to public involvement and their goals to provide informed advice and recommendations. The Boards expect DOE and the regulators to continue to value public involvement. They also expect DOE to request adequate funding and to always protect the public, workers, and the environment.

We present these Common Values to you with the hope that they become innate, essential principles in your planning and decision making related to cleanup and long-term stewardship at DOE's nuclear weapons and research facilities.

Signatures of Board Chairs

Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board			
Fernald	Northern New Mexico	Rocky Flats	
Hanford	Oak Ridge	Sandia	
Idaho	Paducah	Savannah River	
Nevada	Pantex		

EM SSABs Common Values

WHO WE ARE

The Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs) are composed of interested and affected stakeholders who are concerned about environmental cleanup, stabilization, disposition of radioactive and hazardous materials and waste, and long-term stewardship at the Department of Energy's (DOE) nuclear weapons and research facilities. The SSABs are chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to provide independent technical and policy advice.

- We are committed to informed and meaningful public, Tribal and stakeholder involvement in the decision-making process and policy development related to cleanup, environmental restoration, material stabilization and stewardship of DOE sites.
- We believe public and worker safety and health, the protection and remediation of the affected environment, and compliance with all legal requirements should drive cleanup and stabilization decisions and policy.

WHAT WE DO

We provide an opportunity for open, informed, and inclusive discussion about proposed actions and decisions with DOE, EPA, state regulators, Tribes, local governments, stakeholders, and the general public. Our goal is to provide timely, informed technical and policy advice and recommendations to DOE, EPA, State regulatory agencies, or other entities, on issues relating to cleanup, environmental restoration, closure, stewardship, nuclear material disposition, hazardous and nuclear waste management decisions, and other associated matters.

WHAT WE EXPECT

We expect DOE and state and federal regulators will support and encourage effective public involvement in cleanup, environmental restoration, closure, stewardship, future use, nuclear material disposition, and hazardous and nuclear waste management decisions. DOE will seek and consider advice from the public and Tribes and provide opportunities for their involvement; locally and regionally, when the decision affects one site, and nationally, when the decision affects more than one site.

We expect DOE to ensure candid disclosure of timely, understandable, and relevant information to enable the SSABs to make informed recommendations and advice. We expect DOE and the regulators will continue to value the importance and benefit of continued public involvement, will respond substantively and promptly, and will give utmost consideration to environmental justice in their decision making. We expect DOE will honor Tribal treaties and conduct government to government consultation.

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We expect DOE will request funding adequate to meet or exceed legal requirements, reduce current and future risks, and in accord with values and needs of local communities. We expect that DOE will protect the public, workers and the environment.

We also expect:

- Decisions to be protective of human health and the environment and based upon:
- a full assessment of human health and environmental risks;
- a full evaluation of all life cycle costs;
- at a minimum, full compliance with all legal requirements;
- scientific and technical considerations;
- community desires; and
- cultural values.
- Cleanup/environmental restoration/closure/stewardship and nuclear materials management decisions to ensure the health and safety of present and future generations and protection of the natural environment.
- The Federal government commit to providing adequate funding for the proper cleanup and long term stewardship of DOE nuclear weapons production and research facilities.
- Complex-wide coordination and the full integration of all sites in planning nuclear materials stabilization, cleanup, environmental restoration, waste management (storage, treatment, and disposition), and transportation activities.

EM SSAB - Fernald	Date	EM SSAB - Paducah	Date
EM SSAB - Hanford	- Date	EM SSAB - Pantex	Date
EM SSAB - Idaho	Date	EM SSAB - Rocky Flats	Date
EM SSAB - Nevada	Date	EM SSAB - Sandia	Date
EM SSAB - Northern New Mexico	Date	EM SSAB - Savannah River	 Date
EM SSAB - Oak Ridge	Date		



MEMORANDUM

TO: All FCAB Members

FROM: Doug Sarno DATE: 8/29/2000

RE: SSAB Stewardship Workshop

As part of the September 14 Stewardship Committee meeting, we need to begin preparations for the SSAB Stewardship Workshop. We are responsible for developing the following:

- 1) A description of what the site will be like at the time when stewardship is to be implemented.
- 2) A description of current stewardship activities at the site.
- 3) A list of concerns, issues, comments, questions or statements with respect to the core topic issues.

There is a deadline of September 22 for delivering the written materials to the Rocky Flats CAB. They will in turn distribute a Workshop briefing no later than October 6.

We are also responsible for developing a seven minute Power Point presentation to provide during the Workshop. Fifteen minutes have been set aside for each Board to give such a presentation and to respond to questions from the Workshop participants. Given the short amount of time available for each site's presentation, the Planning Committee decided that the focus of each presentation should be on the most critical issues or topics that each Board identified during their preparation of the written resource materials. The goal is to present these issues so that they can be considered during the core topic breakout discussions.

The following FCAB members are scheduled to attend the workshop:
Marvin Clawson
Steve DePoe
Pam Dunn
Bob Taber
Tom Wagner

On 9/14 we will need to identify who will be giving our presentation. I will begin working with site folks to put our written materials together so that we might have them available for review on 9/14.